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CROP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY

Most farmers continue to prepare for the upcoming fall harvest while some producers are harvesting corn in southwestern areas. Warm, sunny weather helped corn and soybeans advance toward maturity. Ears are turning down in many corn fields and yellowing of plants is evident in many soybean fields. Silage harvest continued. Recent showers in most areas have improved pastures and forage crops.

FIELD CROPS REPORT

There were 4.8 **days suitable for fieldwork**. Corn **condition** is rated 70 percent good to excellent compared with 72 percent last week and 76 percent last year at this time. Twenty-four percent of the corn acreage is **mature** compared with 20 percent last year and 14 percent for the average. Ninety-three percent of the corn acreage is in the **dent** stage compared with 85 percent last year and 61 percent for the 5-year average. By area, 90 percent of the corn acreage is in the dent stage in the north, 95 percent in the central regions and 96 percent in the south.

Soybean **condition** is rated 68 percent good to excellent compared with 67 percent last week and 66 percent last year. Twenty percent of the soybean acreage is **shedding leaves** compared with 25 percent last year and 15 percent for the average. Two percent of the soybean acreage is **mature** compared with 4 percent last year and 4 percent for the average. Other activities during the week included, preparing equipment for the fall harvest, baling hay, mowing roads, cleaning grain bins and care of livestock.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT

Pasture condition is rated 3 percent excellent, 36 percent good, 35 percent fair, 18 percent poor and 8 percent very poor. Third cutting of **alfalfa** hay is virtually complete and some farmers have completed their fourth cutting of alfalfa. **Tobacco** harvest is 46 percent complete compared with 33 percent for the average. Livestock are in mostly good condition.

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
Percent				
Corn Dough	100	97	100	94
Corn Dent	93	71	85	61
Corn Mature	24	13	20	14
Soybeans Shedding Lv	20	8	25	15
Soybeans Mature	2	NA	4	4
Tobacco Harvested	46	25	43	33

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Corn	2	6	22	52	18
Soybeans	2	6	24	53	15
Pasture	8	18	35	36	3

SOIL MOISTURE & DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK TABLE

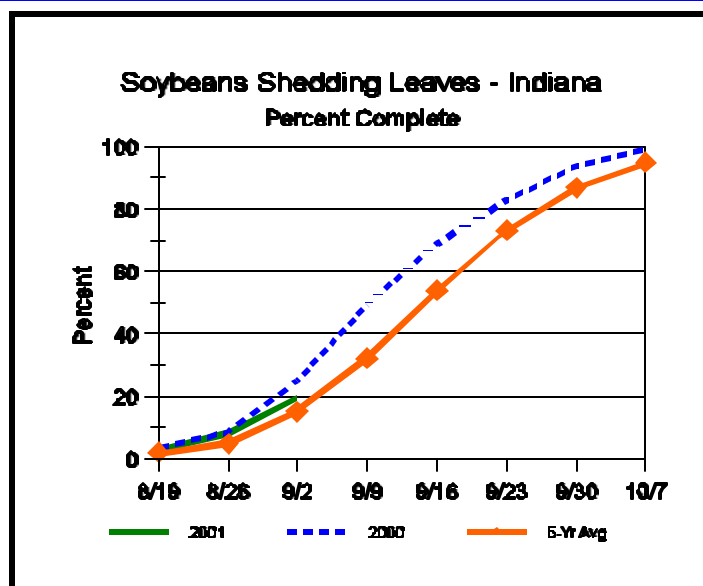
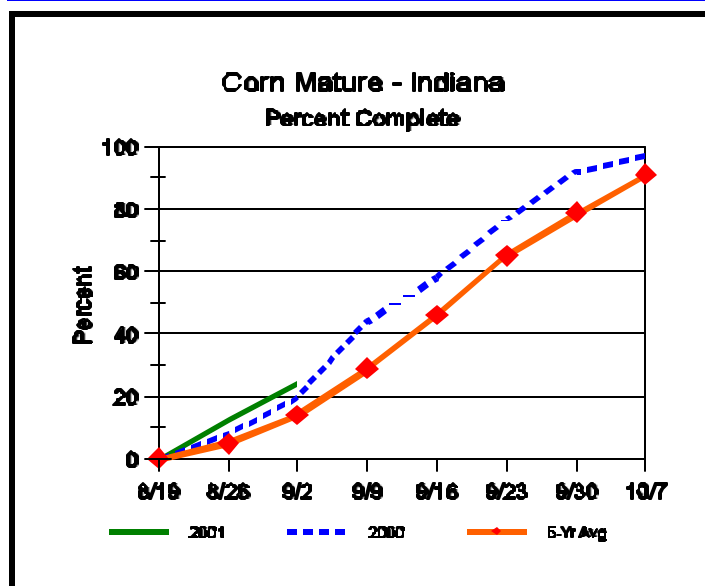
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Percent			
Topsoil			
Very Short	3	4	7
Short	18	19	23
Adequate	72	71	61
Surplus	7	6	9
Subsoil			
Very Short	9	11	8
Short	28	27	27
Adequate	61	59	59
Surplus	2	3	6

Days Suitable	4.8	4.7	6.2
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Crop Progress



Other Agricultural Comments And News

Remember: Roundup Ready Corn Must Be Segregated

In some areas of the southern Corn Belt, producers have already begun harvest efforts, and before you know it, harvest will hit the bulk of the Belt. Now is the time to gear up for harvest, making sure all plans are in place if segregation is a requirement for your operation.

The Iowa Corn Growers Association (ICGA) says that situation applies to Roundup Ready corn. The product has not been approved in all export markets, therefore, must be handled appropriately, making sure it's channeled into an approved market.

Roundup Ready corn is approved in the U.S. and Japan, but has not received approval in the EU.

"Our intent is to protect Iowa's farmers and the corn industry," said Ron McCartney, member of the Iowa Corn Biotech Task Force. "We simply can't afford to have any more market disruptions. Farmers and grain handlers must all work together to keep unapproved products out of export channels."

ICGA says the key is communication. "We encourage dialogue," said McCartney. "There must be open, honest communications between growers and grain merchandisers. That's why the

ICGA recommends that farmers who planted Roundup Ready corn contact their local elevator or grain handler now, prior to combines rolling, to confirm they have a place to take their crop."

Additional responsibility

McCartney says growers who planted Roundup Ready corn took on additional responsibility when they planted the product in the spring. "Now, they need to live up to their grower agreements and segregate their crop," he says. "The integrity of the U.S. corn supply and our relationships with foreign buyers depend on it."

McCartney says he respects whatever decision producers make in relation to their spring planting decisions. But stresses producer must be responsible for their actions. "Farmers who chose to plant it need to be extremely diligent about getting their corn to an appropriate market. They have to take responsibility for their decision and be accountable," he said.

Despite the current concern about the export limitations of Roundup Ready corn, ICGA remains a strong supporter of biotechnology. The organization feels that biotechnology offers agronomic and environmental benefits and that

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Weather Information Table

Week ending Sunday September 2, 2001

Station	Past Week Weather Summary Data							Accumulation				
	Air				Precip.		Avg	April 1, 2001 thru				
	Temperature						4 in	September 2, 2001				
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Soil	Precipitation	GDD Base 50°F			
Northwest (1)												
Valparaiso_Ag	85	50	69	+1	0.81	3		18.35	-1.78	73	2640	+269
Wanatah	87	46	66	-3	0.07	1	77	21.47	+1.88	69	2414	+145
Wheatfield	87	48	69	+2	0.44	1		18.44	-0.66	65	2631	+308
Winamac	85	51	70	+2	0.36	1	74	21.12	+1.77	67	2612	+218
North Central (2)												
Logansport	87	52	70	+2	0.57	1		26.67	+8.13	69	2646	+184
Plymouth	87	49	68	-2	0.15	3		19.78	+0.25	68	2473	-37
South_Bend	87	47	69	+1	0.02	2		19.11	+0.23	64	2619	+259
Young_America	86	51	69	+0	0.87	2		23.14	+4.60	62	2688	+226
Northeast (3)												
Bluffton	83	53	69	-1	0.24	2	74	19.08	+0.53	67	2662	+137
Fort_Wayne	85	52	70	+0	0.10	1		21.68	+4.25	64	2629	+164
West Central (4)												
Crawfordsville	88	49	70	-1	0.24	2	74	18.80	-1.75	64	2604	-34
Perrysville	88	53	71	+2	0.93	1	79	16.99	-3.76	59	2799	+215
Terre_Haute_Ag	92	50	73	+2	0.55	1	77	24.39	+3.77	58	3028	+273
W_Lafayette_6NW	85	49	70	+1	2.08	2	76	17.88	-1.44	60	2768	+318
Central (5)												
Castleton	88	58	73	+2	0.97	3		22.76	+2.64	62	2870	+150
Greenfield	89	55	75	+6	0.68	3		25.22	+3.80	66	3033	+412
Greensburg	87	56	73	+4	0.63	4		22.77	+1.85	70	2980	+425
Indianapolis_AP	88	58	73	+3	0.73	2		21.25	+1.75	53	3024	+290
Indianapolis_SE	87	56	71	+0	0.87	3		20.14	+0.02	62	2773	+53
Tipton_Ag	87	52	69	+2	0.07	2	69	17.84	-1.79	56	2562	+181
East Central (6)												
Farmland	87	51	70	+2	0.62	3	70	23.36	+4.33	66	2602	+277
New_Castle	84	54	69	+0	0.63	3		27.83	+7.19	64	2355	-27
Southwest (7)												
Dubois_Ag	88	56	75	+4	0.41	2	78	20.04	-2.44	58	3171	+395
Evansville	89	61	75	+2	0.41	3		21.05	+1.44	60	3424	+254
Freelandville	88	57	74	+3	0.04	1		19.59	-0.86	46	3144	+298
Shoals	87	56	74	+3	0.41	1		20.59	-1.62	56	2996	+241
Vincennes_5NE	90	57	76	+5	0.20	2	75	16.57	-3.88	44	3276	+430
South Central (8)												
Bloomington	88	58	73	+3	1.09	2		20.84	-0.11	60	2997	+203
Tell_City	89	63	77	+4	1.05	2		16.86	-5.66	43	3364	+323
Southeast (9)												
Scottsburg	87	58	74	+3	1.04	4		22.01	+0.88	74	3100	+268

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period).

GDD = Growing Degree Days.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Precipitation Days = Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more.

Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

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Remember: Roundup Ready Corn Must Be Segregated (Continued)

it holds great promise for the future of agriculture and our society as a whole.

Furthermore, ICGA does not want its concern about Roundup Ready corn to be misconstrued. Corn leaders say it is a useful product, fully approved in the U.S. and Japan and clearly in demand. However, they recognize that if this

valuable tool is mismanaged (i.e. gets into unapproved markets) growers could lose the confidence of foreign customers and jeopardize access to this and other new technology down the road.

Julianne Johnston, Agweb News, August 29, 2001.

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